



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6367***

LCO No. 3267

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE OF A WITNESS TO REPORT A  
SERIOUS CRIME.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) A person is guilty of  
2       failure to report a crime when such person witnesses what the person  
3       knows or reasonably should know is the murder, assault or sexual  
4       assault of another person or the physical abuse of a child, or the  
5       attempt thereof, and does not, as soon as reasonably practicable, report  
6       that crime to a law enforcement agency.

7       (b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an  
8       affirmative defense that the defendant (1) did not, as soon as  
9       reasonably practicable, report the crime because the defendant  
10      reasonably believed that (A) doing so would have exposed the  
11      defendant or another person to a substantial risk of physical injury, or  
12      (B) another person had already reported the crime to a law  
13      enforcement official, or (2) acted to stop the commission of the crime  
14      and stopped (A) the commission of the crime, or (B) the completion of  
15      the crime being attempted.

- 16 (c) Failure to report a crime is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require a person who witnesses a serious crime to report that crime to a law enforcement agency.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*